



Lake Waccamaw State Park

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Activities

Education and Events: The park visitor center features environmental education exhibits. Conveniently located near the park's entrance, the visitor center and exhibit hall are wheelchair accessible. Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about Lake Waccamaw State Park. To arrange a special exploration for your group or class, contact the park office.

Educational materials about Lake Waccamaw State Park have been developed for grades 6-8 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The Lake Waccamaw program introduces students to the unique ecosystem of this particular Carolina bay, focusing on water chemistry and the lake's diversity of aquatic life.



Camping: Lake Waccamaw offers four primitive group camping areas nestled beneath the trees. Picnic tables, fire circles and charcoal grills are located in the sites and pit toilets are located nearby. Please be aware that these are hike-in campsites that do not have water or electricity onsite. All campers must check-in at the visitor center or with a ranger before occupying a campsite and must display a parking pass for overnight parking in the parking area. Reservations are recommended.



Picnicking: Picnic tables and grills are conveniently placed beneath tall longleaf pines and turkey oaks draped with Spanish moss. Drinking water and restrooms are nearby. The picnic area and the restrooms, as well as some picnic tables, are accessible for persons with disabilities.



Hiking Trails pass through a variety of ecosystems in the park: pine forest, one of the oldest stands of cypress trees in the area, under towering hickory trees, alongside grass beds in the lake that provide cover for a variety of fish species and beside sandy beaches perfect for picnicking or pausing to gaze across the lake. With a careful eye, hikers can even spot Venus flytraps.

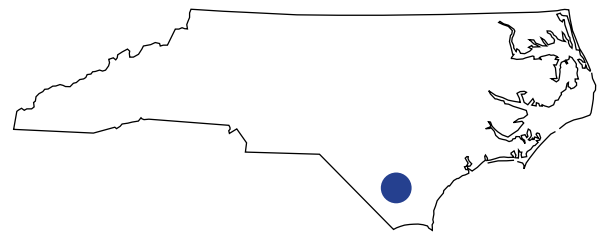


Fishing: Fifty-two species of game and non-game fish swim in Lake Waccamaw. The WRC stocks the lake with largemouth bass, bluegill, shellcracker and redbreast sunfish. All regulations of the WRC are enforced.



Boating is a popular pastime at Lake Waccamaw. There is no boat access in the park, but two free public boat launch areas are available nearby. Powerboats and sailboats may be launched from the boat ramps, but parking is limited. The waters of Lake Waccamaw are park property and all park rules apply.

Location



Lake Waccamaw State Park is located in Columbus County, 38 miles west of Wilmington and 12 miles east of Whiteville. The park is located off Bella Coola Road. Look for signs on U.S. 74/76 or N.C. 214.

Park Hours

November - February 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March - May, September & October 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
June - August 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day



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